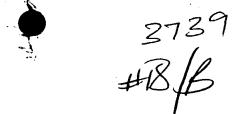
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 9, 2003 and to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2003. Accordingly, this amendment is timely submitted.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Office Action indicated claims 27-35, 41-44, 46-50, 57, 59-61, 65, 67, 71, 76, 77, 79, 88, 90-92, 98, 103, 108, and 109 contain allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Office Action indicated claims 25, 36, and 72 contain allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.